

RCCS Band

WHY JOIN BAND?

1. **Teaches Discipline.** Music students learn that if they apply themselves, they can master a skill and achieve results they want. Learning to play a musical instrument teaches self-discipline, the value of persistence, and the rewards of hard work.
2. **Increases Self-Esteem.** Music is a self-expression. Performing music in public, individually, and as a member of a group, builds confidence. Making music means every musician plays a part that is important to the group.
3. **Relieves Stress.** Music helps calm the mind. It's been shown that music students experience less test- and performance-anxiety than students who don't study music.
4. **Fun & Social.** Playing music in a group teaches teamwork, ways of working together, and the joy and rewards of group accomplishment. Band and orchestra members share efforts and experiences, and are often friends for life. (www.armomusic.com)

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students in grades 4-12 will take private or small group band lessons once a week. Lessons will last 25 minutes and the students will be pulled out of class. If we have enough students in band at the Beloit campus, we will set up a time, probably after school, to meet as a whole group as well. After Christmas break, the band members at the Janesville campus will begin to meet together as a band too. This will take place during the school day.

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

You may sign your student up for band today. Fourth grade and new RCCS students will get to try the instruments out during school and can choose the instrument they want to play at that time. You may rent your instrument through Voigt Music in Janesville. Please see their flyer for the rental costs.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Band lessons cost \$50 per quarter. First quarter will be \$25 since we are starting late. If you have siblings that would both like to sign up, lessons for the second student cost \$25 per quarter. This fee will be added to your tuition statements and can be paid directly to the school.

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED?

Every student must purchase a music book. This will be purchased from Voigt Music. I recommend that students have a foldable music stand to practice on at home, but this is not required. If you would like to purchase a stand, that can also be done through Voigt Music as well. Students playing a reed instrument, clarinet and saxophone, will need to purchase reeds throughout the school year. The amount they will need to purchase will depend upon how well they are taking care of them. When new reeds are needed, you can send money and a note to school and I will place the order with Voigt Music.

GIVE IT A TRY!

Band is a wonderful experience and I look forward to working with you in the band program!

Sincerely,

Kristin Ward
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- "Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul." - Plato

I'm Joining Band!!

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Phone #: _____

Email:

Instrument:

*I have read the band information sheets and allow the band lesson fees to be added to my tuition bill. I understand that my student needs to purchase a book and other necessary band items including reeds.

Parent's signature:

Any questions or concerns?